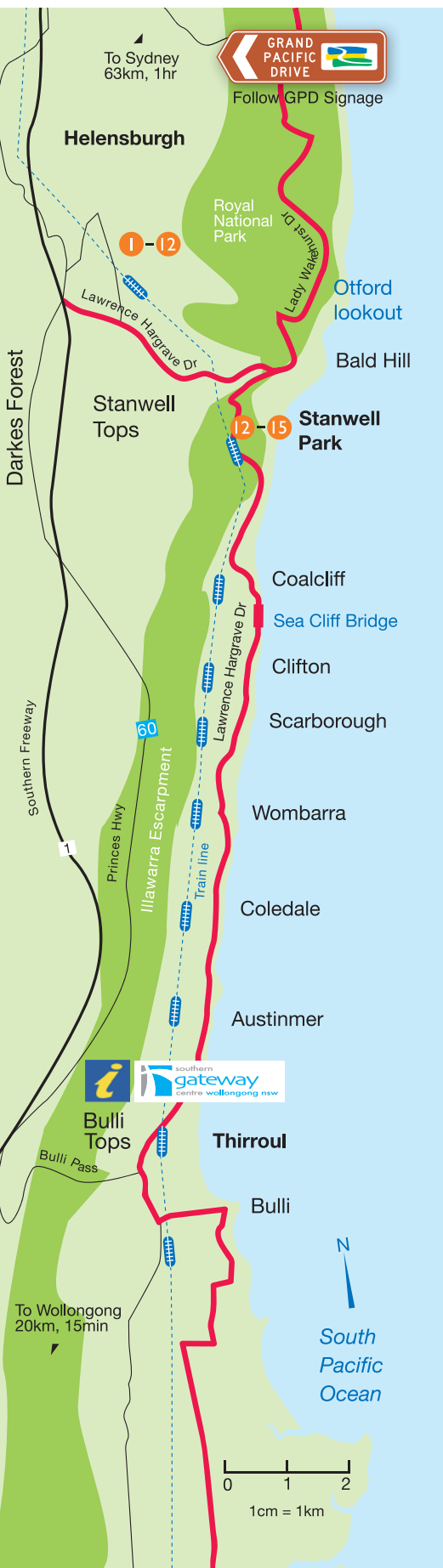


# Tourist Trails of the **NORTHERN ILLAWARRA** Coastal Villages



## HISTORICAL & LOCAL ATTRACTIONS TRAIL

Originally separate coalmining settlements developed in the mid-19th century, many of the heritage and historical sites between Helensburgh and Thirroul have been kindly restored, others fully rebuilt, while a few are now just remnants of their former selves belying their original structure and the part they once played in its local history.

### HELENSBURGH

- 1 Centennial Hotel**  
112 Parkes Street  
(02) 4294 1005  
Erected by Reschs in 1915 to service the coal mining trade.
- 2 Miners Cottages (Company Houses)**  
4-10 Junction Street  
Examples of original miners' cottages.
- 3 Helensburgh Primary School**  
Lukin Street  
Established in 1887
- 4 Original Helensburgh Railway Station**  
Corner Tunnel Road and Vera Street  
In use between 1889 and 1914 when a new railway station was built across the deviation. The original station was situated between two tunnels
- 5 Original Helensburgh Police Station**  
Corner Parkes and Lukin Streets  
Built in 1896. Now a private residence.
- 6 Helensburgh Post Office**  
114 Parkes Street  
Opened in 1901 and still operating as a post office today.
- 7 Helensburgh Police Station**  
Corner Parkes and Waratah Streets  
Built in 1902. Still in use with original courtroom, lockup and exercise yard.
- 8 Helensburgh Railway Station**  
Junction of Parkes Street and Wilsons Creek Road  
Opened in 1914. The only curved platform with a curved station building in Australia.
- 9 Charles Harper Memorial**  
Charles Harper Park, Parkes Street  
Founding father of Helensburgh, the first mine manager and killed in a mine accident on 4 August 1888.
- 10 Bronze sculpture of coalminer**  
114 Parkes Street in front of Post Office  
Bronze cast sculpture by local artist Gaye Porter as a tribute to Helensburgh's coalmining heritage.

### 11 Old Mine Surgery

Corner Junction & Parkes Streets  
Opens once a month on either a Saturday or Sunday. Look for the 'open' sign or contact Helensburgh Historical Society (02) 4294 1829  
Houses special displays of historical material for Helensburgh Historical Society.

### 12 Sri Venkateswara Temple

Temple Road  
(02) 4294 3224. 8am-7pm (7 days/wk).  
Closed on weekdays 12noon-4pm  
Largest Hindu Temple in the Southern Hemisphere.

### STANWELL PARK

#### 12 Lawrence Hargrave Memorial

234-340 Otford Drive, Bald Hill  
Recognises the pioneering work of Hargrave in the field of aeronautics. He carried out a lot of his work from this very location.

#### 13 Stanwell Park Viaduct

Between Stanwell Park tunnel and Stanwell creek tunnel only accessible via SRA walking track 500m south of Fire Station. Contact SRA for permission.  
Built in 1910 to span the deep gorge, it is the largest of its type in Australia. 215ft high constructed using 5 million bricks. Now only half of its former self.

#### 14 'Intabane'

Located across the road from Lawrence Hargrave Memorial, Bald Hill.

A strange mansion with a witch's hat roof which was used as an army lookout during World War II. Originally built in 1917 for £3000, became a guest house between the wars, now privately owned.

#### 15 Stanwell Park Heritage Display

109 Lawrence Hargrave Drive @ Your Art Gallery  
(02) 4294 4307  
Series of murals depicting the heritage of Stanwell Park focussing around local aviation pioneer, Lawrence Hargrave.

 Trail continued overleaf

### See other associated Trails



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Cafe & Dining Trail



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### STANWELL PARK

#### 16 'Hillcrest' residence

Old Coast Road near Railway station (situated behind government housing). Restricted view from street. Not open to the public.

Single storey colonial Georgian. Lawrence Hargrave lived here for 6 years until his death in 1915.

#### 17 Old Post Master and Station Master's Residence

52 Lawrence Hargrave Drive (corner Lower Coast Roads and Railway Crescent).

Circa 1860. Post Master's Residence in and earlier as Station Master's residence when the railway line was situated along Lawrence Hargrave Drive.

### COALCLIFF

#### 18 Illawarra Coke Company

Lawrence Hargrave Drive adjacent to Coalcliff railway station.

Still a working mine, officially opened in 1878 after coal first discovered in 1797 by 2 shipwrecked sailors of vessel 'Sydney Cove'.

#### 19 Sea Cliff Bridge

Between Clifton and Coalcliff on Lawrence Hargrave Drive.

The 600m engineering feat and a stunning local attraction on the coastal drive between Coalcliff and Clifton.

### CLIFTON

#### 20 Clifton School of Arts

338 Lawrence Hargrave Drive. South end of Sea Cliff Bridge.

(02) 4268 1746.

Opening times subject to exhibition calendar. Federation Free Classic style building built in 1910 as a learning facility, it has also been used as a post office and dance venue, more recently now an art gallery.

#### 21 Clifton Hotel

319 Lawrence Hargrave Drive.

Currently closed.

First licensed in 1884, rebuilt by Reschs in 1911 and renovated in 1977. The hotel did not survive financially due to the lengthy 2003-5 closure of Lawrence Hargrave Drive.

### COLEDALE

#### 22 Memorial sculpture

Lawrence Hargrave Drive (at lookout site) By local artist Didier Balez in memory of local community campaigner, Mike Dwyer

### AUSTINMER

#### 23 Headlands Hotel

Headlands Avenue

Open 7 days

Spectacularly located, and once a former salt mine, Headlands has operated as a guesthouse from 1926 and hotel from 1954.

#### 24 Austinmer Surf Life Savings Club

Lawrence Hargrave Drive, Austinmer Beach Surf Lifesavings Club opened in 1909 at the once dubbed "Brighton of the South".

### THIRROUL

#### 25 Anitas Theatre

Lawrence Hargrave Drive

(02) 4268 2151

Inspections welcome 9am to 1pm daily.

First named Kings Theatre as an open-air moving picture theatre in 1912 with canvas roof and chairs; Now popular theatre venue renamed in 2006 to Anitas' Theatre after local identity.

#### 26 Thirroul Surf Club

Thirroul Beach

Club founded 1907-1908. First dressing sheds built 1910 & modern surf shed built 1915. Mr. G. Morgan hired as first lifesaver in 1915.

#### 27 Memorial Cenotaph

Thirroul Beach Car Park roundabout

The ship "Amy" was wrecked on the rocks at the southern end of Thirroul beach in 1898. The ship and all hands were lost.

#### 28 'Wywurk' and DH Lawrence Memorial Park

Craig Street

Summer holiday residence used by DH Lawrence during writing of his novel 'Kangaroo' in 1922. Memorial Park and plaque is located at end of street.

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